

Duties of Trustees of the Poor.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1912, sec. 10. 1904, sec. 10. 1888, sec. 10. 1826, ch. 197, sec. 4.

13. The trustees of the poor of the several counties and the city of Baltimore shall receive all persons committed to their respective almshouses under the preceding sections and shall provide for their accommodation and support, and the expenses thereof shall be levied upon the counties and the said city respectively.

Cited but not construed in *Devilbiss v. Bennett*, 70 Md. 556.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1912, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 11. 1888, sec. 11. 1826, ch. 197, sec. 5.

14. Nothing contained in this article shall affect the powers of the courts of equity further than to require that the estate of such lunatic or insane person, if he hath any, shall be chargeable with the expenses of his commitment and confinement.

Cited but not construed in *Devilbiss v. Bennett*, 70 Md. 556.

Board of Mental Hygiene.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15. 1912, sec. 12. 1904, secs. 12 & 15. 1888, sec. 12. 1886, ch. 487, sec. 13. 1922, ch. 29, sec. 4 (p. 61). 1924, ch. 283, sec. 4. 1939, ch. 120, sec. 15.

15. There shall be a Board of Mental Hygiene, which shall have supervision over all institutions, public, corporate or private in which insane persons are detained.

Said Board of Mental Hygiene shall consist of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board, and six associate members. Three at least of said Board shall be appointed from the City of Baltimore, four at least of said Board shall be physicians and graduates of some legally authorized medical college, and must also have been in the actual practice of their profession at least five years consecutively just preceding their appointment; one of said physicians so chosen shall have had at least five years experience in the treatment of the insane; and one at least of said Board shall be a woman. All of the associate members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, except that the associate members first appointed under this sub-title shall be appointed by the Governor alone and their terms of office shall begin on January 1, 1923. The associate members of said Board shall hold office for six years, provided that those first appointed under this sub-title shall be so classed by the Governor that the terms of office of two shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1924, the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1926, and the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1928, and thereafter in each case the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint two members in the place of the two whose terms shall so expire. All vacancies shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall be a qualified physician who at the time of his appointment has had at least five years' actual experience in the treatment of mental diseases. He shall be appointed as follows: On the taking effect of this Act, the associate members of the Board, or a majority of them, shall designate and nominate to the Governor the man in their judgment best fitted for the position, and the Governor shall thereupon appoint such nominee Commissioner of Mental Hygiene. The Commissioner shall hold such office as long as he shall faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties thereof. He may be removed by the Gover-